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REMARKS

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1. The billeting area of the See Kaserne in Neuruppin (U 53/Z 49) has been secluded by board fences newly erected in Karl Liebknechtstrasse and Scholtenstrasse. Board fences were also constructed around the one-family houses and the large apartment building on Franz Kuenstlerstrasse where Soviet families are billeted. Another fenced-in building was located at the intersection of Fehrbellinerstrasse and Junkerstrasse. The newly erected fences contained guarded gates for vehicles and entrances for pedestrians. The apartment house at the intersection of Karl Liebknechtstrasse and Schifferstrasse was vacated by the 20 German families residing there at the end of July 1951. This new security measure leaves only the Friedrich Franz Kaserne open to visual observation. 50X1-HUM
2. Between 1 and 3 August, troops were seen drilling with a two-wheel and a four-wheel artillery piece in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. Trucks [redacted] left the billeting area. * 50X1-HUM
3. On 3 August, Soviet senior lieutenant A.Ya. Krayevich [redacted] from the Wulkow ammunition depot near Neuruppin, purchased spare parts for motor vehicles at the metal-products cooperative. [redacted] ** 50X1-HUM
4. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne and the former telegraph construction office seemed to be occupied beyond capacity by about 2,500 troops. On 6 August, 19 companies, each of about 120 men who were largely recruits, left the billeting area for the athletic field. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets 50X1-HUM including some with artillery insignia. Two of them had purely Asiatic features. [redacted]
5. The See Kaserne, too, appeared to be occupied beyond capacity by 1,800 troops who, like most of the troops of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne appeared to be recruits who must have arrived at night. On the morning of 5 August, 12 units of about 140 men each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation for the athletic field. Most of the troops seemed to be recruits. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly without branch-of-service insignia and some with tank, signal, and motor transport insignia.

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Four officers and 2 flags were observed with each unit. The troops were observed returning to the installation in the afternoon. Vehicles seen driving to the athletic field included sedans [redacted] carrying officers; and trucks [redacted]

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6. Engineer troops with trucks and pontoons arrived at the Altruppin railroad station on a train of 28 cars and moved to the Fridericus Kaserne on 4 August. Eighteen units, each of about 150 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, and a unit consisting of 120 officers exclusively with a total of 32 flags, were seen marching from the Fridericus Kaserne to the athletic field on 6 August. Most of the enlisted personnel seemed to be recruits. All approach roads to the installation were blocked until 4 p.m. on that day. ***

7. Materiel seen parked in the training area on Wittstocker Allee on 7 August included 4 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 model M-13 rocket launcher, and trucks [redacted]

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8. Seven trucks with special bodies, apparently rocket launchers, towing trailers were seen on the Neuruppin-Altruppin road near Mulkow on 5 August. [redacted] The crew of each vehicle consisted of 1 officer and 10 EM. ***

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Comment. [redacted] the Friedrich Franz Kaserne [redacted] quartered only about 600 troops on 31 July 1951. The estimates of the number of troops in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and the See Kaserne given in the present report of early August 1951 surpass the estimates of July 1951 by about 1,100 and 600 respectively. [redacted]. There have been no reports [redacted] which could account for the sudden arrival of about 1,700 recruits at the end of July or the beginning of August 1951.

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*** Comment. Since engineer units that moved to the Jerichow area in the middle of July 1951 started returning to their home stations in early August 1951, it is possible that the engineer unit mentioned in the present report came from the Jerichow area. [redacted]

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